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この家で知ったあったかいこと やさしいこと
ぜんぶ、はじめてだった。

あなたが私にぜんぶくれた。
私もあなたにあげたい…
あげられる人になりたい。
なのに——。

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「基…もしかして私のこと好き?」
つい、こぼれてしまった真魚の問いに、基の答えは——。
真魚をとりまく人それぞれの「好き」のカタチが交錯する中、
お互いへの真摯な心は2人の距離を縮めていくものの…
突然、大樹からある宣言が!?

年の差幼なじみの明るく切ない同居生活、第5巻♡

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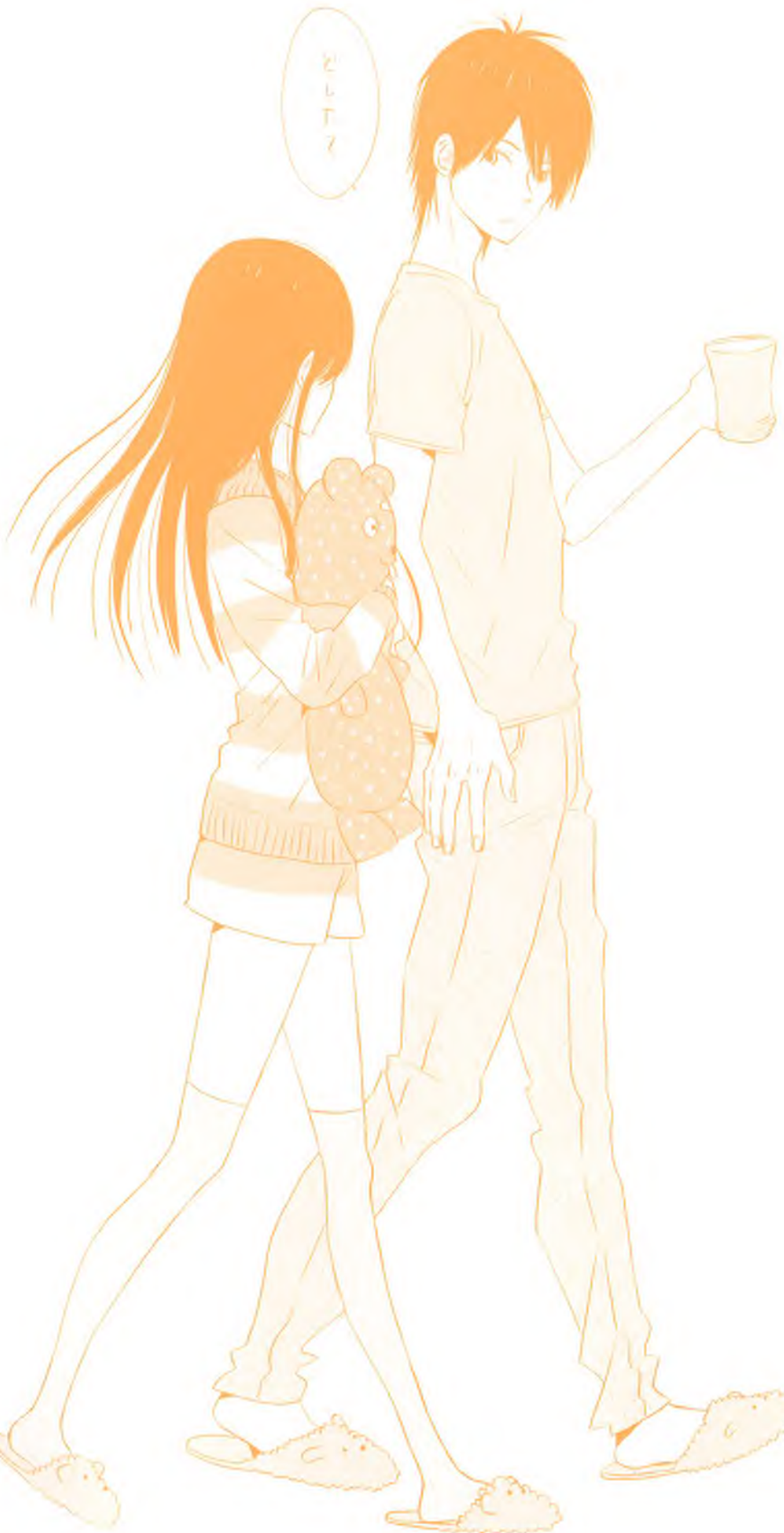

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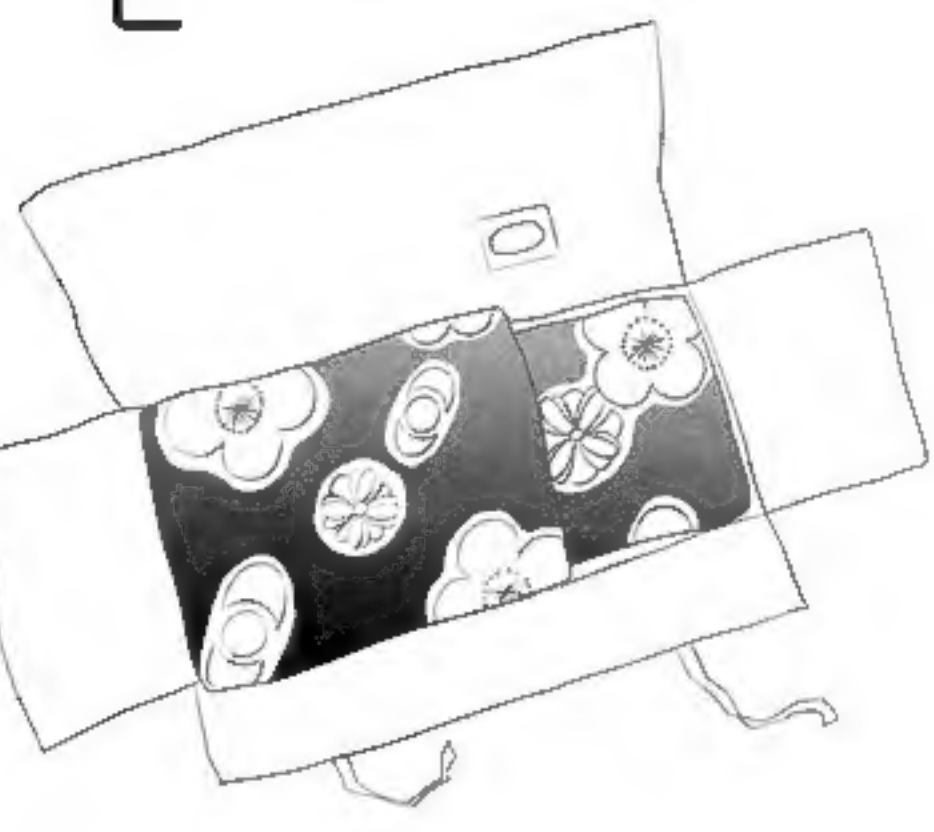

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I hope you enjoy it.

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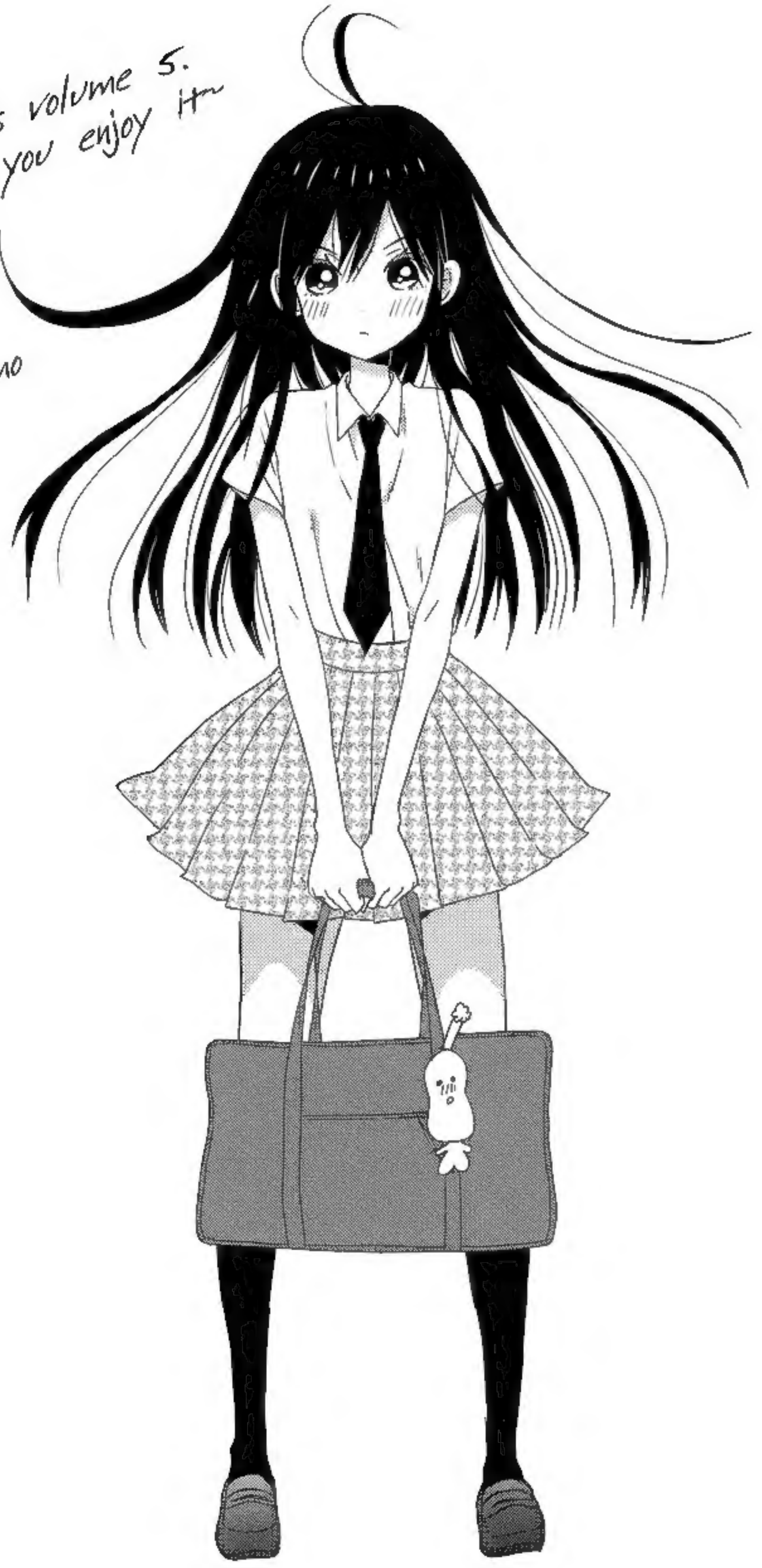

CHAPTER 17

A Boy's Feelings

HIRO

DO...

YOU...

LIKE ME?

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…MAO.

FORGET I SAID ANYTHING!!

ACTUALLY NEVER MIND!

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I... COULDN'T HEAR YOU.

.....

MAO

.....

SORRY FOR ASKING SOMETHING LIKE THAT OUT OF THE BLUE.

NO, FORGET IT!

...I GUESS IT WAS HOPE-LESS...

.....

MAO.

HIRO.

I'LL GO GET SOME FRIED NOODLES.

MY TREAT.

YEAH. WERE YOU A GOOD BOY WHILE I WAS GONE?

...YOU LITTLE!!

HEY DAIKI.

ALL DONE WITH YOUR FRIENDS?

UNSUR-PRISINGLY, COTTON CANDY WASN'T ENOUGH.

WOAH

AAH MY STOMACH.

ALRIGHT, WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU TWO?

THAT'LL BE 1,500 YEN.

THREE FRIED NOODLE BOWLS PLEASE

Rather what the heck is coming out of you?

.....

But I don't even know how I really feel.

She's right.

"I guess it was hopeless."

through my mind.

Those words echoed softly

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AWE-

SOME~!!

ドド"

ドド"

WOAH~!!

BUT MAYBE I LOOK BORED BECAUSE I'M WITH YOU?

WHAT?

NO!!

ISN'T THIS—

...HEY, IS THIS BORING YOU?

OH, RIGHT... YOU WANTED TO GO WITH THAT GUY YOU LIKE, RIGHT?

BUT DIDN'T YOU INVITE ME?

YOU IDIOT! YOU STUPID IDIOT!!

NO. THAT'S WRONG!!

AH, YOU KNOW, I...

If I remember correctly. She and Motomiya have a crush on the same guy.

ガブッ!!

WHAT!?

Half Seaten

BUT CHEER UP! HERE, WANT A BITE OF THIS?

IT'S GOOD.

OF COURSE I CAN!

CAN YOU STAND UP?

I THINK THAT WAS THE LAST OF IT. WANNA GO HOME?

UWA! He's eating the rest of it!!

chew chew

I can't believe I just did that

I SERIOUSLY NEED TO BE MORE HONEST!

EXCEPT I CAN'T!! I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!

YUKATAS SURE ARE A PAIN, AREN'T THEY?

N-NO... I CAN'T.

.....

There's only

one person

in this vast world

going through a lot right now, huh.

She's also

that we truly

want to be together with.

Even if things don't turn out in our favor,

we can't help but

wish for their happiness

TH-

ANYWAY, CATCH YA LATER.

CHIHIRO THANKING ME? I HAVE A FEELING MY LUCK IS GOING TO TURN ON ME SOON.

THANKS FOR WALKING ME HOME.

HEY...

AH

YEAH?

I WAS...

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU EVEN WANTED TO GO WITH ME OR NOT, BUT

H-HUH? WHY'RE YOU TAUNTING ME?

I WAS REALLY HAPPY THAT I GOT TO GO WITH YOU..."

JUST GO WITH YOUR CRUSH NEXT TIME.

WHAT?

YOU MADE

THAT POSSIBLE TODAY.

UWAA

BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ONE I LIKE!

WHAT!?

U-UMM YOU ALRIGHT?

I LIKE YOU.

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HUH?

GOOD NIGHT.

Wait does that mean..!?

I don't get it!!

Didn't she and Motomiya like the same person!?

WE'RE HOME~

There There

SORRY FOR LEAVING YOU ALL ALONE

GLAD YOU'RE EXCITED TO SEE US TOO, CROQUETTE!!

SFX: WHINE

THAT FEELING WILL GO AWAY SOON, SO NOTHING.

WHAT SHOULD I DO!?

O-OKAY.

YEAH.

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME WEARING GETA*?

*TRADITIONAL JAPANESE FOOTWEAR

GOING TO THE FESTIVAL WITH YOU ALL...

EVERYTHING

YEAH...

WEARING A YUKATA,

MY FEET FEEL WEIRD!! IT'S LIKE I'M STEPPING ON SOMETHING!!

MY FEET...

11"

11"

11"

11"

IT'D BE NICE IF HINA-CHAN COULD COME WITH US NEXT TIME.

WAS A FIRST FOR ME.

THANKS.

I KNOW.

BUT THAT'S HOW I REALLY FEEL.

THAT'S ALL SHE EVER SAYS THESE DAYS.

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, CROQUETTE?

IT'D BE NICE IF YOU COULD GO WITH YOUR DAD TOO.

I ASKED HER EARLIER IF SHE'D VISIT THE GRAVE WITH US.

OH, HINA REPLIED TO MY TEXT.

.....

.....

I KNEW IT.

HINA

D-DAIKI!! LET'S PLAY DRESS-UP CHONMAME!

!!

YOU COULD TOTALLY PULL OFF THE SAMURAI HAIR LOOK!! I'LL DO YOUR HAIR TOO!!

DON'T BE STUPID!

ME!? YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO PLAY CHONMAME!!

Received Mail

From Hina

Sub

I already went to the grave. I won't be coming by the house.

WAS IN TOWN...

HIRO.

.....

"I won't go back."

"I don't want to go back."

WHERE?

.....

DURING THE FIREWORKS SHOW.

WE MET HER EARLIER.

I SEE.

.....

...YEAH.

WAS SHE DOING ALRIGHT?

DID SHE SAY SHE DIDN'T WANT TO COME BACK?

YEAH.

……

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YOU'RE AWAKE?

MAO

CAN I SIT NEXT TO YOU?

YEAH.

NO!

HIRO.

PREPARE TO FACE MY WRATH!

YOU DARE CHALLENGE ME?

GROSS!! YOU'RE COMPLETELY WASTED.

JUST TRY AND STOP ME!

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YOU WOULDN'T ATTACK ME ANYWAY!

THAT LITTLE BRAT.

!!

AAARGH!!

ポスッ

AND REFUSING TO COME HOME!

PUSHING EVERYONE AWAY

EXACTLY!

WHICH IS COMPLETELY STUPID

PUSHING EVERYONE AWAY?

SHE STILL HASN'T GOTTEN OVER IT AND IS JUST

SHE'S MADE YOU WAIT SO LONG.

YEAH, IT IS STUPID.

there's nothing I can do

Even so

to help him.

BECAUSE I'M HERE.

MAYBE HINA DOESN'T WANT TO COME BACK

THIS WHOLE THING IS HER PROBLEM. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.

PLEASE.

AND

I'M SURE HINA WILL COME AROUND EVENTUALLY.

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, HIRO.

I MEAN,

I'VE LEARNED SO MUCH

SINCE I STARTED LIVING HERE.

LIKE, HOW NICE IT IS TO HAVE A FAMILY.

IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOU

THAT I WAS ABLE TO REALIZE THESE THINGS

AND I KNOW ONE DAY YOU'LL HELP HINA REALIZE THEM TOO.

EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE OKAY.

MAO.

YOU CAN GO BACK TO SLEEP.

THANKS.

That was close.

.....

O-OKAY...

GOOD NIGHT.

YOU CONFESSED TO ODA-KUN!?

I KNEW HE HAD A CRUSH ON YOU.

I WAS SCARED TO ASK BECAUSE

YEAH... BUT HE HASN'T RESPONDED TO ME YET.

SO THAT'S WHY I FINALLY DID IT!!

I KNEW SITTING AROUND WOULDN'T GET ME ANYWHERE

.....

BUT!!

WOW...

スッ

I'LL FIND A WAY TO GET HIM TO LIKE ME!!

SERIOUSLY!? WHAT'D HE SAY!?

ACTUALLY, I ASKED HIRO IF HE LIKED ME DURING THE FESTIVAL.

I TOLD HIM TO FORGET I EVER MENTIONED IT.

NO MATTER WHAT HE SAYS, I KNOW A PART OF IT WILL BE OUT OF SYMPATHY, OR SOMETHING ELSE, SO...

I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED.

IT'S ALREADY HUGE

THAT HE ACTUALLY LIKES YOU.

WHO CARES IF IT'S SYMPATHY!!

ARE YOU CRAZY!?

YEAH.

...I SEE.

NO, HE DEFINITELY LIKES YOU!! IN FACT, IT'D BE WEIRD IF HE DIDN'T!

I'M NOT EVEN 100% SURE ABOUT THAT, THOUGH...

YOU SEEM PRETTY SURE ABOUT THIS.

REGARDLESS, I NEED TO LEAVE THAT HOUSE AND FIND A PLACE TO LIVE SOON.

I REALLY DO WANT HINA-CHAN TO COME BACK.

ONE OF MY MOM'S FRIENDS IS A REAL ESTATE AGENT, SO I'LL ASK HER ABOUT WHAT'S OUT THERE.

I'LL LET YOU KNOW RIGHT AWAY IF I FIND A GOOD PLACE.

SO!

THE WORLD'S A DANGEROUS PLACE, YOU KNOW.

BUT JUST TO LET YOU KNOW, I'M AGAINST THE IDEA OF LETTING A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL LIVE ALONE.

YEAH.

BUT IF YOU DON'T LET IT OUT FROM TIME TO TIME, YOU'LL BLOW UP.

WHICH IS AWKWARD...

SIGH...

FEELS LIKE WE'RE LITTLE GIRLS WHEN WE TALK ABOUT STUFF LIKE THIS.

YOU'RE WELCOME.

THANKS, CHI-CHAN.

I'LL LOOK TOO.

THIS WAY PLEASE.

GREETINGS!!

OH NO! I'VE MADE A GRAVE MISTAKE!

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Don't sweat it.

MY HUMBLEST APOLOGIES, DEAR LORDS.

HERE ARE YOUR SEATS.

WHAT'RE YOU DOING!? I'LL HANDLE THIS ONE!

?

grin grin grin

FUFUFUFU. I HEARD ABOUT IT, YOU KNOW...

JUST GET BACK TO WORK.

I AM IN YOUR DEBT, DAIKI-DONO...!!

WHAT!?

THAT YOU'RE DATING NAKAMURA-KUN.

WHAT!?

SOMEONE SAW YOU TWO TOGETHER AT THE FIREWORK SHOW.

NAKAMURA -DONO....? PERHAPS YOU MEAN... DAIKI? YOU JEST...

YOU'RE EVEN CLOSE ENOUGH THAT YOU CALL EACH OTHER BY YOUR FIRST NAMES. I MEAN COME ON, IT'S OBVIOUS!

THERE'S NO NEED TO HIDE IT.

IT KIND OF FEELS LIKE YOU TWO'RE TRYING TO SNEAK AROUND ALL THE TIME.

YOU'RE ALWAYS GOING HOME TOGETHER, AND

I KNEW IT!

Attack Of The Easily Misunderstood Statement!!

AAHH!! THAT IS CERTAINLY THE CASE!!!

DAIKI!! APPARENTLY WE'RE DATING!!

WE'RE NOT!

WHAT'RE YOU BLABBERING ABOUT?

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But, you know.

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STOP SPEWING CRAZY NONSENSE AND GET BACK TO WORK.

I mean, it'd be bad if they knew the truth that we live together.

UNDER-STOOD!!

I'd like some beer.

Maybe it'd be better for people to think we're dating

WHAT!?

HEY DAIKI... I THINK IT'D BE BETTER IF WE LET EVERYONE THINK WE'RE DATING.

SPEAKING OF WHICH, DO YOU HAVE ANYONE YOU LIKE?

OR IF SOMEONE ELSE LIKED YOU!!

THINGS WOULD GET REALLY MESSY IF YOU HAD A CRUSH

OR SO I THOUGHT, BUT NEVER MIND!!

UWAAA

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU MUMBLING ABOUT? JUST CAN IT ALREADY!!

AH

WHAT?

.....

.....

WELL

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO QUIT?

Mao's really noisy today

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THERE WAS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

I MEAN, YOU'RE QUITTING AFTER SUMMER BREAK ENDS SINCE YOU'RE GOING HOME...

...NO.

SINCE I'M TRYING TO SAVE UP MONEY SO I CAN MOVE OUT.

.....

AH...

TRYING TO MAKE HIRO LIVE ALONE IN THAT HOUSE AGAIN?

YEAHP

ALSO..
I'VE BEEN
THINKING...

IT'S NOT EVEN
NECESSARY
TO WORRY
ABOUT LEAVING
ANYMORE.

DON'T
BE IN SUCH
A HURRY.

ABOUT MOVING
BACK HERE

AT SOME
POINT.

I hope winter comes soon so I can start drawing jackets again. This drawing here is actually just a page filler. I decided I'd try and draw it completely digitally, but it takes a ridiculous amount of time just to finish the sketch. I wonder if it'd be better to draw the sketch on paper, and then touch it up digitally, but I'm not sure.

Maigo.
You.
We need hands. Specifically, yours. So let's talk.
Go to bit.ly/maigochat for an interview.

CHAPTER 18

Envy

MOVING BACK HERE?

YOU'RE

His happy face

YEAH SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT PLANNING A FAREWELL PARTY OR WHATEVER.

AH... BUT WE'VE ALREADY ORDERED A CAKE FOR IT.

REALLY?! SO WE'LL GET TO WORK TOGETHER AGAIN?

.....

BUT I ORDERED IT AT THE RESTAURANT WE'RE GOING TO TONIGHT.

I HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS PRIOR TO THIS MOMENT, AND YOU STILL EXPECT ME TO GO?

ABSOLUTELY NOT!! THAT'D BE TERRIBLE!!

A CAKE?

FEELS LIKE YOU'RE CELEBRATING THE FACT THAT I'M LEAVING.

REGARDLESS, THE SOONER YOU CANCEL THAT CAKE, THE BETTER.

coming back.

So he really is

Daiki's telling everyone about it....

will be so excited.

Hiro

MAO.

Something must've changed in him over the course of this month.

TRYING TO HIDE?

WE'RE GOING OUT TO EAT TONIGHT, AND I GUESS THEY ALREADY RESERVED EVERYTHING. WANNA COME?

YOU SHOULD COME.

YOU CAN JUST TEXT YOUR PARENTS OR WHOEVER LETTING THEM KNOW.

WELL...

But today's my turn to cook dinner

O... OKAY

I'LL TEXT MINE TOO.

CAN I COPY YOURS?

BECAUSE, YOU CAN WRITE IT IN A WAY THAT WON'T MAKE ANYONE MAD.

WHY?

ALRIGHTY TIME TO WRITE IT AS OFFENSIVELY AS POSSIBLE.

WHAT?!

grin grin grin grin grin grin grin

WHAT?

WELL...

REALLY~?

DOESN'T SEEM THAT WAY TO ME.

I ALREADY TOLD YOU, WE'RE NOT LIKE THAT!!

LIKE TWO PEAS IN A POD!!

Inbox

Frm Magyo

Sub Farewell Party

I've decided to go to the farewell party my work's hold'ng for Da'ki.

I know today was my cooking day, but as I'm going with Daiki, would you mind making your own meal?

It's too bad I won't get to cook up something awesome for you tonight.

Inbox

Frm Daiki

Sub Farewell Party

I've decided to go to the farewell party my work's hold'ng for me.

I know today was Mao's cooking day, but she's coming with me, so would you mind making your own meal?

Aren't you g ad we don't have to endure her horrendous cooking this time?

'Kaay

WE'RE GOING OUT TO CELEBRATE TONIGHT, SO EVERYONE BE SURE TO ATTEND.

Well. Daiki'll be there, so she'll be fine.

But doesn't that mean people will be drinking?

WELL, YEAH. IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE A CHOICE.

YOU'RE COMING, RIGHT? SUGIMOTO-SAN IS COMING TOO, RIGHT?

LET'S DRINK!!

居酒屋
旬楽

How lucky The timing for this was perfect

I've got a drinking party to go to, so it's

But why did they send the same exact message?

DON'T JINX IT!!

YOU MIGHT GET FOOD POISONING.

I'LL HAVE SOME OF THE SNAIL TOO!!

OH MAN~ THIS LOOKS GREAT!!

AAHH HE'S MAKING HER DRINK!!

OH NO! BOSS HAS SUGIMOTO -SAN CORNERED. I HOPE SHE'S ALRIGHT.

DAMN BOSS! ABUSING HIS POWER.

Aaahh..

PLEASE DO!!

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WANT ME TO ORDER MORE?

DAMN, YOU'RE CHUGGING IT LIKE WATER.

SUGIMOTO -SAN~ DRINK WITH US~

YEAH.

WAIT, ISN'T THIS GETTING DANGEROUS?

YOU SHOULD DRINK TOO, NAKAMURA!!

OOO OO—?

YOU JUST GOT SCOLDED BY NAKAMURA -KUN.

HEY, YOU SHOULD SLOW DOWN.

YOU SHOULDN'T BE DRINKING THAT MUCH.

AW, HE WHISKED HER AWAY.

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'KAY~

SURE.

IF YOU COME OVER HERE, I'LL DRINK WITH YOU.

HEY! IT'S GLASSES!! LET'S DO DIS!!

HEY, SUGIMOTO -SAN!

EH, AH, UHM— YEAH, THAT'S ME, GLASSES.

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ALRIGHT, THAT'S ENOUGH. HERE, DRINK THIS.

SHE REALLY IS.

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SHE'S CRAZY DRUNK~

IT'S SAKE.

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WATER!!

YOU'RE LYING!

ク ク

YOU LIKE AKECHI, RIGHT~ AND HISTORY, RIGHT~?

I LOVE IT~♥

WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?

THAT WAS RANDOM... SO I GUESS YOU LIKE THE WARRING STATES PERIOD?

THE BATTLE OF YAMAZAKI!! CHUGOKU OGAESHI~

FINE, I'LL ORDER IT MYSELF!

AH! "YAMAZAKI," I'LL GET THIS!

YOU'RE REALLY RANDOM TONIGHT. IT'S IN MAY, THOUGH.

WHEN'S YOUR, UHM, BIRTHDAY NAKAMURA -SAN~?

.....

I HAVEN'T SEEN MUCH BESIDES TAIGA*.

ANYWAY, YOU WON'T BE ORDERING ANY OF THIS YAMAZAKI! WHAT YOU GET IS WATER.

*TALKING ABOUT A FAMOUS HISTORICAL TV SHOW ON NHK CALLED BIG RIVER DRAMA

ALRIGHT EVERYONE! LET'S GET GOING.

OH REALLY?

THAT IS SURPRISING.

WOAH! YOU'RE YOUNGER THAN ME?! THAT'S CRAZY~

24.

HOW OLD ARE YOU?

I'M 24 TOO!

YEAH!!

STOP TEASING HER.

GOING HOME SO SOON?

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NAKAMURA.

YOU LIVE IN THE SAME DIRECTION, DON'T YOU?

SEE HER HOME. I'LL PAY FOR THE TAXI.

OOOO~ HIRO'S GOT HIMSELF SOME TAKE-OUT♪

AS IF!

HOLD ON. I'M LOOKING UP HER ADDRESS.

I'M NOT SURE. WHERE DOES SHE LIVE?

Oh well

.....

HIRO, ARE YOU HAVING FUN?!

HEY—

OKAY. BUT WHY'RE YOU YELLING WHEN I WAS JUST TRYING TO CHECK UP ON YOU?

CAUSE HE'S BUSY!!

.....

ON CAKE - "THE RETIREMENT"

AND IT'S REALLY CUTE!!

Not bad.

THEY JUST BROUGHT IN THE CAKE...!!

THIS IS DAIKI'S PHONE. WHY'D YOU ANSWER?

ANNOUNCEMENT!? YOU'RE GONNA SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT, THEN LEAVE ME HANGING?

BUT DAIKI SHOULD BE THE ONE TO DO IT, SO LOOK FORWARD TO HIS ANNOUNCEMENT!!

OH, RIGHT. THERE WAS SOMETHING I WANTED TO TELL YOU!

WHAT?

BY THE WAY,

SUGIMOTO-SAN IS A COMPLETE WRECK. I'M TAKING HER HOME, SO I'LL BE A BIT LATE.

WHAT'D HIRO SAY?

A-ALRIGHT.

STAB!

HE'S SEEING A GIRL FROM HIS WORK HOME.

STOP HURTING THE CAKE.

HE

HERE

SAW

SUGIMOTO -SAN!

WHAT?

AH?

NAKAMURA -SAN?

WHAT!!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME IN FOR TEA?

WOULD

AH

UHM

YES, IT IS.

WE SHOULD BE AT YOUR HOUSE NOW.

IS THIS IT?

UHM...

ALRIGHT, THEN GOODNIGHT.

WAIT!

WA—

THANKS FOR THE OFFER, BUT I NEED TO GET GOING.

The neck

Ahh...

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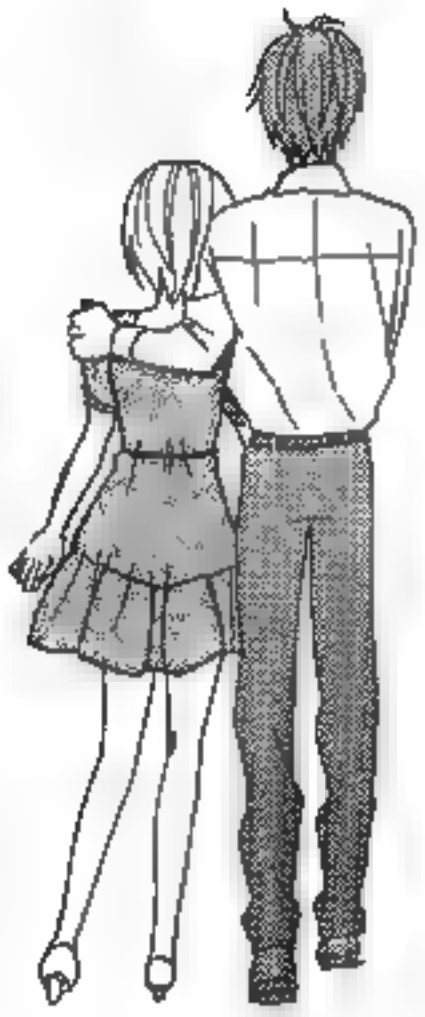
THANK YOU.

ALRIGHT.

WHERE'S YOUR APARTMENT?

touching me.



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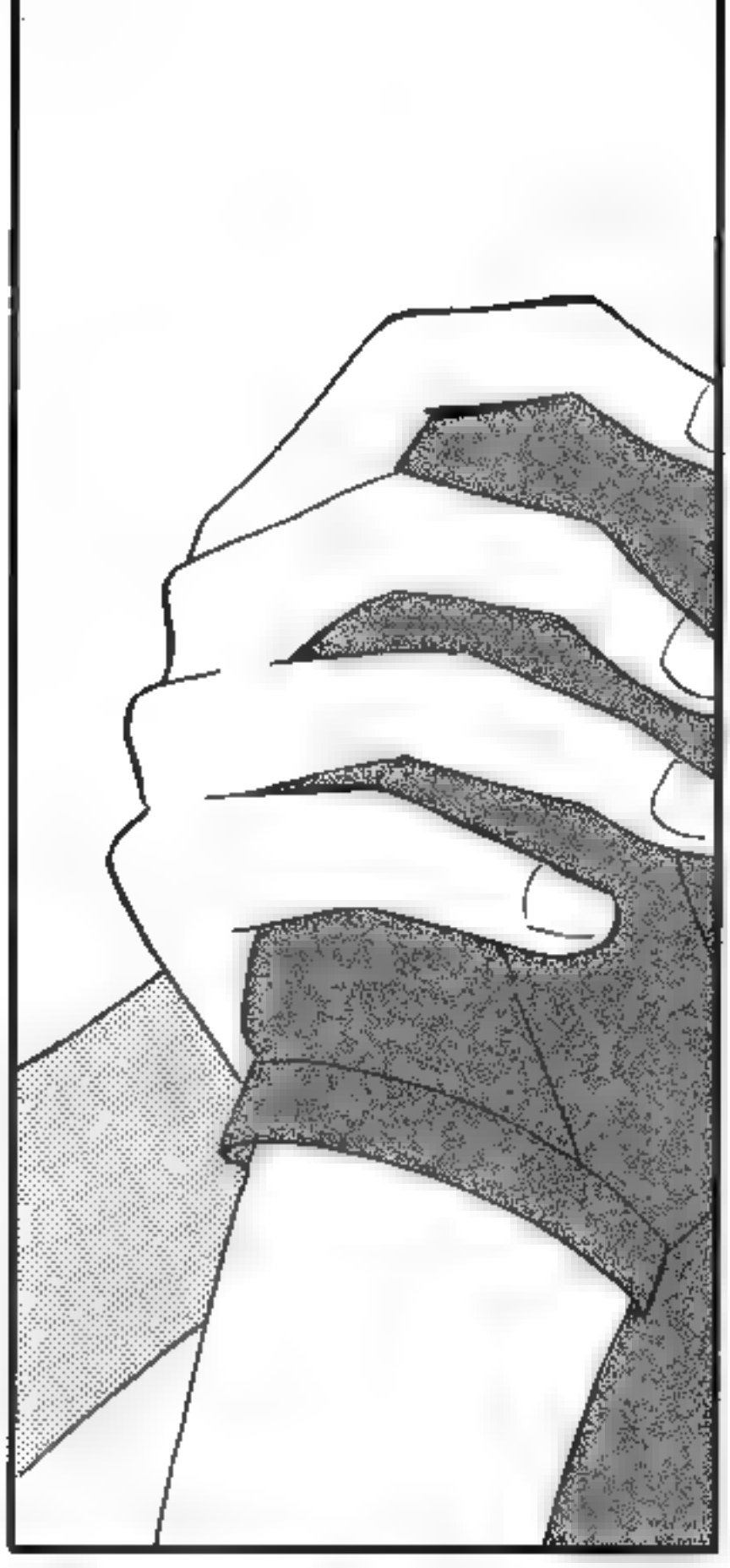

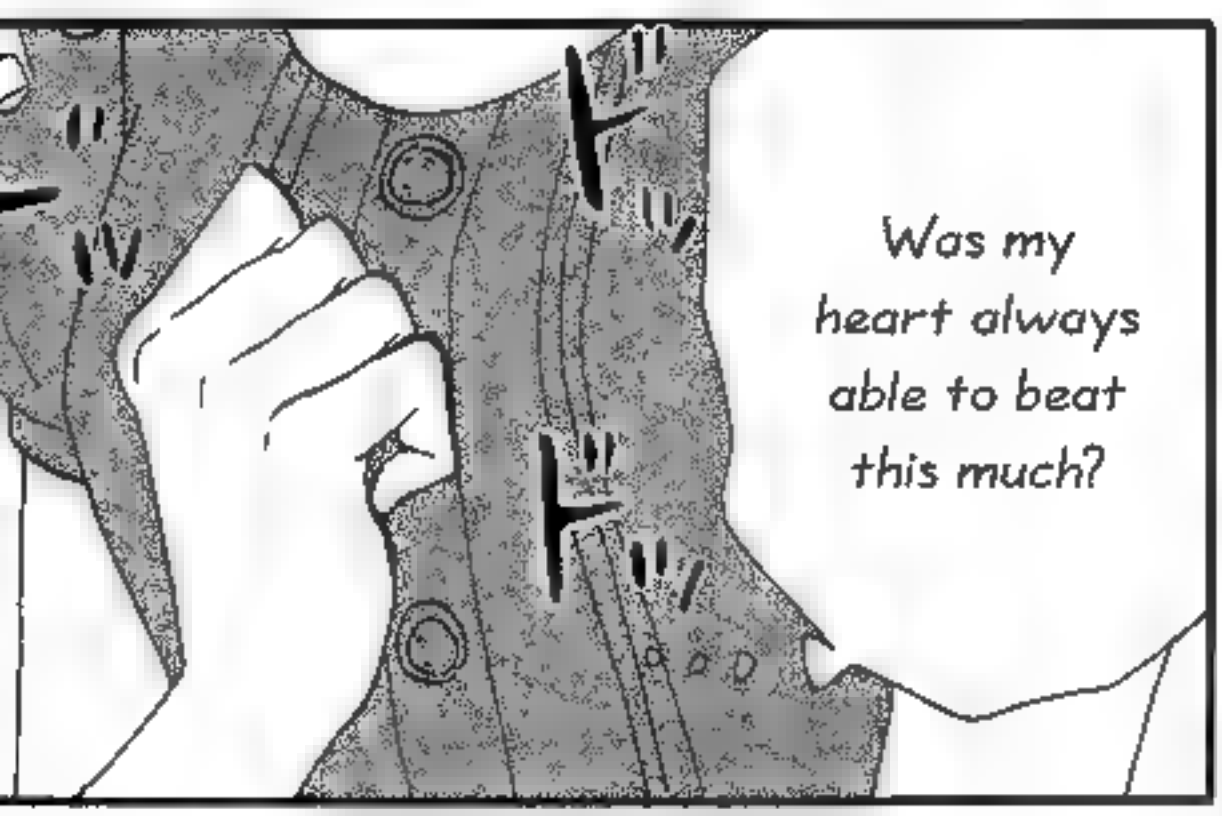

AH

ALRIGHT.

GOODNIGHT, THEN.

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I WANT TO TALK

WITH YOU MORE.

I said it...!!

WOULD

I'm shaking
Oh gosh.
I'm so nervous...

I'm

WOULD IT BE ALRIGHT IF YOU STAYED FOR A LITTLE WHILE...?

be with him more

I just want to

No. rather

But I need to tell him about "Kuukai-san"

BUT I'LL TAKE A RAIN CHECK ON THAT OFFER.

I'LL SEE YOU LATER THEN. GOOD NIGHT.

UNFORTUNATELY MY BROTHER'S GOING BACK TO MY UNCLE'S HOUSE SOON

SO I'D LIKE TO SPEND AS MUCH TIME WITH HIM AS POSSIBLE.

NIGHT.

GOOD

I used to
think that

I never
wanted to
fall in love.

Even
if I get
hurt

I want to talk with him..!

I don't care...!!

I want to know him.

more and more selfish

I guess I'm slowly becoming

I want to be with him.

I suppose that was bad of me.

But I don't think I could've followed the conversation even if I tried

She was hammered alright.

Sugimoto-san really wanted to talk about History

HELLO? DAIKI?

I wonder if those two are home yet

THAT'S NICE.

...I'M ON MY WAY HOME AS WE SPEAK.

I SEE YOU'RE ENJOYING HALF-ASSING YOUR RESPONSES EVEN THOUGH YOU STARTED THIS WHOLE CONVERSATION!!

YOU KNOW...

ARE WE?

DONE SO SOON

MAO SAID YOU WERE PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES OF A QUESTIONABLE NATURE.

NO I DIDN'T!!

WHAT WOULD I BE DONE WITH?

I'VE DECIDED TO MOVE BACK TO THE HOUSE.

AND YOU'RE COMPLETELY, ABSOLUTELY SURE?

SERIOUSLY?

YES.

WHY WOULD I BOTHER LYING?

DON'T YOU THINK THANKING ME FOR THIS IS A LITTLE STRANGE?

THANKS, DAIKI.

Thank you.

I'm glad.

But

And then we'll all be able to live together again.

Maybe with this, Hina will change her mind

YOU'RE LATE!

WHERE'S DAIKI?

ASLEEP.

HE TRIED SO HARD TO STAY UP FOR YOU TOO.

SINCE DAIKI'S GOING TO LEAVE FOR A LITTLE WHILE,

I WANTED TO SEE HIM OFF PROPERLY.

NO!

I'VE BEEN COOKING!!

SO YOU WERE WAITING FOR ME?

YOU COULD ALSO COUNT THIS AS A WELCOME HOME PARTY!

WAS THAT GIRL FROM WORK OKAY?

YEAH?

HI- HIRO?

THANKS, MAO.

IT'S NOTHING.

REALLY WORRIED.

I WAS WORRIED, YOU KNOW.

YEAH. THINGS WENT WITHOUT A HITCH. SHE SOBERED UP WHEN SHE GOT HOME TOO.

BUT IT WASN'T SOMETHING YOU NEEDED TO BE WORRIED ABOUT.

.....

G-GO AHEAD.

ANYWAY, LET ME HELP TOO.

MILD IF I TAKE OVER THE PEELING?

SFX: CHOP! CHO...P CHO...P

I HOPE SO.

MAYBE HINA-CHAN'LL DECIDE TO STAY TOO.

I'M REALLY HAPPY ABOUT DAIKI.

BUT WHY NOT?

Don't hold the knife that way

YOU SHOULDN'T JUST ADD ME INTO THE MIX LIKE THAT!!

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A"...

THE HOUSE'LL BE NICE AND LIVELY AGAIN WITH FOUR PEOPLE.

PLUS CROQUETTE.

BUT BEFORE I REALIZED, THAT WISH TRANSFORMED INTO WHAT I WANTED.

IN ALL HONESTY, MY ONLY WISH WAS FOR YOU TO BE HAPPY.

I... GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.

HERE... THIS HOUSE ISN'T THE PLACE THAT'LL BRING YOU THE MOST HAPPINESS.

THAT IS, FOR YOU TO STAY HERE.

YOU'RE PUTTING IN TOO MUCH.

DON'T TRUST HER THEN.

CHI-CHAN ALWAYS PUTS IN THIS MUCH.

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happiness.

who ever receives

I'm the only one

It feels like

YOU'RE HEAVY!

WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO TO BED?

MAN, I'M SLEEPY. MY EYES DON'T WANT TO OPEN ANYMORE.

MMM... BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOUR COOKING.

WELCOME HOME, HIRO.

H-HEY.

DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT.

WHAT'RE YOU TWO DOING?

I COULDN'T SLEEP, SO I TURNED MAO INTO A PILLOW.

JUST COOKING!!

WELL, WHATEVER.

I KNOW I TOLD YOU OVER THE PHONE, BUT AS YOU KNOW, I'VE DECIDED TO MOVE BACK HERE.

HMMM

I THINK IT'D BE GOOD IF I ALSO TALKED TO THEM ABOUT IT.

YEAH.

BUT IT CAN'T BE RIGHT AWAY.

I HAVE TO TALK IT OVER WITH AUNTY AND UNCLE AS WELL.

WHEN THE TIME COMES, I'LL LET YOU KNOW.

I WAS THINKING OF VISITING THEM TOO.

EH? I'M CONFUSED.

DON'T WORRY. WE'RE JUST MESSING AROUND.

OH YEAH! SPEAKING OF WHICH, MAO'S STILL UNDER 18, ISN'T SHE!?

DON'T DO ANYTHING

THAT'LL GET YOU ARRESTED WHILE I'M GONE, OKAY?

ALL RIGHT.

SOMETHING WRONG?

NAW.

ANYWAY, I'M OFF TO BED.

GOOD BYE AND WELCOME HOME DAIKI

clap
clap
clap
clap

GOOD BYE ANO WELCOME HOME!!

CAN'T YOU TELL!? IT'S A PARTY!!

I CAN'T SAY I WAS PLANNING TO HELP UNTIL MORNING.

DID YOU MAKE THIS LAST NIGHT?

RATHER, THOSE BAGS UNDER YOUR EYES... DID YOU EVEN SLEEP?

...WHAT IS THIS...

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SAY AAAHHHNN

DON'T WORRY, IT'S DELICIOUS!!

I REFUSE TO DO SOMETHING SO DISTASTEFUL.

AND THIS. THIS ISN'T EVEN FOOD! APOLOGIZE TO THE INGREDIENTS THIS INSTANT!!

WAS IT EVEN NECESSARY TO GO THIS FAR!?

First all-nighter in her entire life.

..I see. staying up all night fried Mao's brain cells

Fair enough.

DOESN'T STOP YOU FROM PLAYING VIDEO GAMES!

THERE ARE THINGS IN THIS WORLD THAT NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU WORK AT, YOU'LL NEVER IMPROVE IN. I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU REALIZE THIS.

NO, I'M GOOD.

BUT JUST ONE MORE BITE.

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IN WHAT WAY!?

YOU TWO... ARE REALLY CLOSE...

DON'T PLAY TOO MANY GAMES.

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, CALL ME RIGHT AWAY

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

AND SEND MY REGARDS TO AUNTY AND UNCLE

YOU'RE NOT MY MOM.

OKAY, I'M OFF.

MAO.

C'mere

?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

WHAT'D HE SAY!?

.....

HM?

OKAY.

YEAH. IT WAS NOTHING.

NOTHING.

SEEYA.

Just the two of us?

IT'LL BE JUST THE TWO OF US FOR A WHILE, SO I MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET A DECENT AMOUNT OF SLEEP FOR ONCE.

Yawn...

I'M TIRED.

Eh?

Maigo.
You.
We need hands. Specifically, yours. So let's talk.
Go to bit.ly/maigochat for an interview.

the two of us!?

Just

I shouldn't be freaking out like this...!

Things just went back to the way they were before!

But even when Daiki was here, we had time alone together!!!

And Hiro's being his usual self

YAAWN

TIME TO CLEAN UP!!

I was asking why you jabbed me me..

WHAT?

OW!!

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I WONDER WHEN WE'LL GET TO SLEEP TODAY...

HERE WE GO.

DAIKI, COULD YOU GET THIS FOR ME?

WOOO!!

LET'S DO THIS...

I can't reach it.

AH... AGHH

OH, RIGHT!

DAIKI'S NOT HERE ANYMORE.

SORRY. . IT'S JUST THAT DAIKI'S SO TALL THAT, WELL...

I CAN REACH IT TOO YOU KNOW!!

I PUT THIS UP HERE TO BEGIN WITH.

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO SAY IT SO BLUNTLY! NOT THAT YOU ACTUALLY FELT BAD FOR SAYING IT!!

I guess
It's also kind of
lonely.

I'm thrilled
that we're alone,
but

"Behave yourselves."

I wonder?

But why did Daiki say

Hiro feels the same way.

I'm sure

No this is Daiki we're talking about He was definitely implying something!! Picking a fight with me!! Why didn't I say anything!!

But maybe he was asking me to stay put and not leave Hiro alone...

But I won't let it bug me.

We're doing just fine...!!

But, it is true that things have improved from before.

OH NO!! MY EVIL PLAN HAS BEEN EXPOSED??

STOP MAKING SILLY FACES AND GET BACK TO WORK.

And this.

I think I'll keep this.

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zzz...

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So he probably

isn't feeling lonely.

HIRO!

ARE YOU SLACKING OFF!? WAKE UP!!

I wanna touch him

I wanna touch him

stomping my foot wakes him up. I wanna touch

SFX: STOMP STOMP

poke

poke

I wonder.

if this is okay.

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SFX: ROLL

pat

pat

ba-dump

ba-dump

He's still sleeping.

Doing these pervy things!!

NO!!

What am I doing!?

What's wrong with me!?

I wish I could be closer to him.

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SFX: SNAG

Untangle yourself from Hiro's button this instant!!

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AAAHHH!!

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Feels like... she's trying to strip me... Maybe I should pretend to be asleep.

No. !! She's probably trying to pull some prank.

Mao has been up to something for a while now.

So heavy.

STUPID HAIR...!!

Be more considerate!!

STOP WIGGLING!!

Don't think about it!! This is nothing!! This doesn't bother me at all!!

Self-control!!

Yes!! I did it!! I did it!!

I see how it is... The gods are testing my self-control.

It's kind of freaky that he hasn't woken up yet

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poke

poke

poke

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MAO!! YOU'RE HEAVY!!

AHH!!

YOU LITTLE...!!

GYAAA!!

I'M...

I'M SORRY!!

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IT'S...

IT'S FINE! JUST GET OFF ME PLEASE...

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Self-control!!

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OKAY.

What's with that silly voice...

WOW~

LOOK, THIS STORE'S HAVING A SPECIAL SALE THE PRICES ARE GOOD TOO~

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OOOH

WHAT.... WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY!?

12 ROLLS OF TOILET PAPER FOR 128 CENTS!!

5 BOXES OF TISSUE PAPER FOR 98 CENTS.

ACTUALLY, THE PRICES ARE REALLY GOOD!!

SOAP FOR 98 CENTS!!

TWO SETS PER PERSON!!

TOMORROW, HUH... IF WE DON'T MAKE IT TO THIS SALE OUR LIVES ARE FORFEIT...

IT'S A LIMITED-TIME OFFER, HIRO!! IT'S A LITTLE WAYS FROM HERE, BUT...

MAO!!

GOOD MORNING~

MORNING, CHI-CHAN.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, HUH.

AH, BY THE WAY, ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP WORKING?

YEAH.

MY SHIFTS ARE ALWAYS IN THE EVENING , SO...

OKAY!! YOU KNOW, IT'D BE COOL IF I COULD COME VISIT YOU AT WORK~

SURE, BUT ONLY IF YOU'RE OVER 20.

BUT THAT'S A REALLY LONG TIME FROM NOW~

DO YOU HAVE WORK TODAY?

NOPE. I'M GOING SHOPPING TODAY.

REALLY!?

I CAN GO!! I HAVE TIME FOR THAT!! I'M NOT GOING SHOPPING 'TIL LATER ANYWAY!

SO I GUESS YOU'RE TOO BUSY TO CHECK OUT APARTMENTS THEN.

IT'S JUST THAT MOM'S FRIEND FOUND A GOOD PLACE.

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OKAY!!

CALM DOWN, MAO!

I GET IT! OKAY, SO I'LL TELL YOU THE DETAILS LATER.

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Chi-chan's confession went

I wonder how

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GOOD MORNING

TO YOU TOO?

MOTOMIYA, COME WITH ME FOR A SEC.

MOTO-MIYA...

about Chi-chan, isn't it...

This is....

YOU

LIKE ME, RIGHT?

...what.

THAT WAS TRUE!?

IT'S COMPLETELY WRONG TOO. !! YOU'VE EVEN MET MY CRUSH BEFORE!

AT THE MOVIE THEATER.

WHAT ON EARTH WAS GOING THROUGH YOUR BRAIN FOR YOU TO THINK THAT UP ..!?

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WHY WOULD I HIDE IT...?

WAI-

What...??

ANY-WAY...

I'M NOT SATISFIED WITH THIS!!

What!?
So what happened to Chi-chan's confession!?

SEE YOU IN CLASS!

...I feel like my only option is to agree with her

HE'S AS DENSE A BRICK WALL! THAT BLOCKHEAD PROBABLY JUST MISUNDERSTOOD EVERYTHING. HE'S REALLY DENSE, YOU KNOW!!

YOU'RE...

YOU'RE KIDDING.

SO HE...

IF ANYTHING, I'M HAPPY YOU TOLD ME.

DON'T DO THAT!

ODA-KUN'S JUST A SILLY LITTLE IDIOT

NOT YET.

HE HASN'T GIVEN A RESPONSE.

IT'S LIKE I NEVER CONFESSED IN THE FIRST PLACE!

IF THIS IS HIS WAY OF TURNING ME DOWN, I'D RATHER HE JUST SAID IT TO MY FACE!

FOR WHATEVER MIGHT HAPPEN WHEN I CONFESSED TO HIM

BECAUSE IT WOULD'VE HURT MORE TO KEEP IT ALL BOTTLED UP INSIDE.

I KNEW FULL WELL HE LIKED YOU, BUT I WAS PREPARED

AH, IT'S THE REAL ESTATE AGENT!

HELLO!

MAO, YOU DON'T HAVE PERMISSION TO CALL HIM AN IDIOT.

WAIT, WHAT!?

HE'S AN IDIOT ALRIGHT...

WOW~

Wow...

So this is where I'm going to live...

WOAH~

OOOH~

UNACCEPT-ABLE!!

NO, WAIT. THIS PLACE IS FINE, CHI-CHAN.

NO IT'S NOT!!

LET ME GET MY CAR.

HMMM ANYTHING ELSE?

DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE!?

THE LOCK ON THE DOOR IS NO GOOD! THERE'S NO CHAIN! THIS ISN'T SAFE!

ALSO, ANYTHING ON THE FIRST FLOOR IS UN-ACCEPTABLE!

The price is $1,000 per month.

A soldier...

It feels haunted.

By like, a fallen soldier.

YEAH...

UGH... THAT PRICE IS JUST TOO EXPENSIVE.

LET'S BE PATIENT AND KEEP LOOKING.

IN A WAY, I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLACE WE CHOOSE.

WHAT'LL YOU DO IF SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENS TO YOU?

OF COURSE YOU CAN!!

THE PROBLEM IS IF IT'S SAFE OR NOT!!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, CHI-CHAN

I CAN PRETTY MUCH LIVE ANYWHERE.

I'M SURE THEY'LL BE HAPPY TO SIGN IT

YEAH, PROBABLY ...

WHEN I TELL THEM I WANT TO LIVE ON MY OWN.

ALRIGHT.

THANKS, CHI-CHAN.

OH, AND

YOUR PARENTS HAVE TO SIGN THE CONTRACT. IS THAT GOING TO BE OKAY?

WHAT!? WHEN YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING SHOPPING, YOU MEANT FOR GROCERIES!?

YEAH!! THERE'S THIS REALLY GOOD SALE, AND THE PRICES WERE JUST TOO GOOD TO PASS UP...!!

SORRY... I HAVE TO GO TO THE GROCERY STORE WITH HIRO NOW.

LIKE LOVEY-DOVEY NEWLYWEDS.

I SEE HOW IT IS. GOING GROCERY SHOPPING TOGETHER

ST-ST- ST-ST- STOP IT, CHIHIRO!!

I WONDER IF HE'LL TRY TO KISS YOU, OR TRY SOMETHING DIRTY~ MUST BE NICE~

BUT THAT MUST BE NICE~ GETTING TO FLIRT WITH HIM ALL YOU WANT~

LIES WON'T SAVE YOU NOW~

WE'RE ONLY GOING TOGETHER SO WE CAN MAXIMIZE OUR PROFIT!!

SORRY FOR BEING LATE...

Haa Haa

SO...RRY.

HUH, ARE YOU MAD...?

YEAH?

I CAME UP WITH A BATTLE STRATEGY.

SINCE IT'S THE TOILETRIES THAT'RE ON SALE, WE FOCUS ON OBTAINING THOSE ITEMS FIRST

WE QUICKLY GRAB TWO BASKETS ON OUR WAY IN, AND THEN SHOP SEPARATELY FOR MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS.

I'M NOT MAD.

IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE ALONE.

THEN WHAT'S WRONG?

UMM, OKAY?

AND WHY ARE YOU IN A DEFENSIVE STANCE?

ROGER THAT.

AND THEN FOOD.

REMEMBER, WE HAVE TO PRIORITIZE GRABBING THE HEAVIER ITEMS FIRST!!

HOWEVER, AS WE POSSESS THE ADVANTAGE OF TWO PEOPLE BUYING TOO MUCH IS FORBIDDEN.

Y-YEAH, MY BAD.

THAT HABIT REALLY PISSES ME OFF!!

SORRY.

IT'S A BAD HABIT.

WHAT?

HOLDING HANDS IS FORBIDDEN!!

AHHH!!!

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THE LAST TWO...!

MY APOLOGIES.

But don't think I'll let go...!!

AH, I'M SORRY!!

MAO
-CHAN?

WAIT!

=bow=

CAN

WE TALK?

YOUR FACE LOOKS FUNNY.

AHAHAHA

AGAIN?
I CAN'T FEEL
MY FACE
ANYMORE.

DO IT
AGAIN, DO
IT AGAIN!!

YOUR
FATHER
IS DOING
WELL.

IT'S GOOD
TO SEE YOU,
MAO-CHAN.

IT'S BEEN
A WHILE.

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO BE
EMBARRASSED
ABOUT IT.

EH!?

W-WHAT
MAKES
YOU THINK
SO?

YOU LIKE
NAKAMURA-SAN,
DON'T YOU?

LET'S BECOME A REAL FAMILY.

OF COURSE, WITH YOUR FATHER INCLUDED.

THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME OUT.

I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO COME HOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SO MAO -CHAN...

BUT BOTH YOUR FATHER AND I WANT TO WORK THIS OUT.

NOW? I DON'T KNOW.

I SUPPOSE I DIDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO ASK YOU.

WHY ARE YOU SAYING THIS NOW?

HOWEVER, I'VE RECENTLY DECIDED TO LIVE ON MY OWN.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN.

I'LL ACTUALLY BE CONTACTING YOU CONCERNING THAT SOON!

MAO!

MAO -CHAN!

I'M SORRY. I HAVE TO GO.

WE WILL ABSOLUTELY BRING HER BACK.

WHEN THE TIMING IS RIGHT, I WILL CONTACT YOU AGAIN ABOUT THIS.

THANK YOU, NAKAMURA -SAN.

CAN YOU MAKE ANY OTHER FACES?

I WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE FOR THE LACK OF RESPONSIBILITY ON OUR PART, BUT PLEASE CONTINUE TAKING CARE OF MAO UNTIL THEN

MY APOLOGIES FOR INTRODUCING MYSELF SO LATE.

I'M MAO'S MOTHER.

BUT PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT US. WE'RE DOING JUST FINE. IN FACT, MAO HELPS ME OUT QUITE A BIT.

NO, IT'S UNDERSTAND-ABLE.

WHAT?

SORRY, I KNOW IT'S RUDE TO SAY THIS, BUT I WAS SURPRISED AT HOW POLITE YOU ARE.

YES, OF COURSE.

BUT

YOU'RE HER FAMILY, SO PLEASE DO BRING HER BACK TO LIVE WITH YOU.

MAO'S BEEN HOPING FOR THIS TOO, EVEN THOUGH IT MAY NOT SEEM LIKE IT.

I'LL GO AFTER HER NOW.

ANYWAY,

IT WAS NICE MEETING YOU.

MAO...!!

I FINALLY FOUND YOU.

YOU MADE ME CARRY ALL THE GROCERIES, YOU KNOW

FORGOT HOW MUCH YOU WERE DOING TO LOOK AFTER ME.

I

...HIRO.

IRRITATING ...!!

DAD AND MY NEW MOM AND LITTLE SISTER IS JUST SO

NOT BEING ABLE TO OPEN UP TO MY

BUT YOU'RE DOING YOUR BEST.

I'M ALWAYS RUNNING AWAY FROM THEM.

NO, ALL I'VE ACCOMPLISHED IS FINDING ANOTHER PLACE TO RUN AWAY TO...!!

THAT HASN'T CHANGED.

BUT HOW IS THAT ANY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT YOU'RE DOING NOW?

SO I THOUGHT I COULD SET OUT ON MY OWN, MAYBE GET MY OWN PLACE...

YOU'RE STILL A HIGH SCHOOLER. I DON'T THINK YOUR PARENTS WOULD ...T YOU LIVING YOUR—

I DON'T...!!

THINK ABOUT IT.

YOU CAN STAY AT MY HOUSE UNTIL YOU'RE READY TO GO BACK TO YOURS.

WHEN DAIKI GETS BACK, I'LL STOP BEING THAT POOR LITTLE GIRL.

I DON'T WANT YOU ALWAYS FEELING SORRY FOR ME.

I DON'T WANT TO CAUSE YOU ANYMORE TROUBLE.

YOU DESERVE TO BE HAPPY TOO!!

SO WHEN I LEAVE

ALL I WANT

IS FOR YOU TO WATCH ME.

I don't think she'll listen to anything I have to say...

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YOU KNOW, I...!

MAO!

I TOLD YOU NOT TO BUY

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...SO MUCH...

LET'S GO HOME.

YOU DON'T NEED TO DO THAT STANCE, SILLY.

I'M GONNA COOK UP A NICE JUICY HAMBURGER FOR YOU.

I BOUGHT LOTS OF GROUND BEEF SINCE IT WAS REALLY CHEAP.

I want to protect Mao

But at the very least

I agree that things can't go on like this forever

Until she's able to go return to her family

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But there's still hope for Mao.

I can't see the loved ones I've lost.

No matter how hard I try

Who're sincerely worried about her.

And there are people

No matter how long it takes

So wipe those tears.

You'll return.

One day

Maigo.
REDRAWERS
*ou.
We need hands. Specifically, yours. So let's talk.
Go to bit.ly/maigochat for an interview.

One-way Street

AAAAAHHH!! MY EYES ARE BURNING!!

WHY'RE YOU SO OBSESSED WITH LITTLE SISTERS?

BUT AT LEAST ONCE MY BROTHER COMES BACK I WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT.

IS YOUR LITTLE SISTER GONNA BE OKAY WITH YOU GONE LIKE THIS?

YEAH.

WORKING OVERTIME EVERY SINGLE DAY IS TORTURE!!

I COULD REALLY USE SOME LOXONIN RIGHT ABOUT NOW.

OH WOW. YOU SEEM MORE AGITATED THAN USUAL TODAY

EXACTLY!!!

REALLY? THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR

YEP! BUT HE'S MOVING BACK!

WASN'T HE LIVING WITH YOUR UNCLE?

THINK YOU CAN MAKE THE DEADLINE?

NAKAMURA, FUJITA.

We'll probably have to deal with entrance exams too

I wonder where Daiki's going to go to school

Ooo

HOW WAS YOUR EVENING WITH SUGIMOTO?

I WOULD'VE FORCED YOU TO DO IT REGARDLESS.

Just gotta keep working overtime.

I BELIEVE SO.

Hanaha

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NAKA-MURA.

JUST LOOK AT HER. SHE'S BEEN WATCHING YOU LIKE A TIGER READY TO POUNCE.

DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO BE SUCH A KILLJOY.

NOTHING HAPPENED.

I was fantasizing again.

YEAH, THE WAY YOU'RE CONSPICUOUSLY WHISPERING INTO MY EAR WOULD MAKE ANYONE STARE

Swip

Ah!

BOSS IS SURPRISINGLY OLD-FASHIONED. SO WHAT ARE YOU ASKING HER ABOUT?

OKAY THEN...

NO IDEA.

IN ANY CASE, GO OVER AND ASK HER WHAT SHE WANTS.

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instead of telling him directly

She's writing that novel about the person she likes

I think Boss got the wrong idea about Sugimoto-san.

And now he's probably trying to get me to do something or other

I'M SO SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AT THE DRINKING PARTY.

EXCUSE ME!

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Or maybe... she likes Boss...

And... he knows..?

WHAT?!

UHM...

NAKAMURA -SAN.

WHAT?!

AH, WELL, YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT HOW YOU LIKED AKECHI MITSUHIDE.

BUT YOU EVEN WENT THROUGH THE TROUBLE TO GET ME HOME...

I CAN'T REALLY REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED

DO YOU THINK

I COULD CASH IN THAT RAIN CHECK?

DATE MASAMUNE IS THE ONE I LOVE!! ALTHOUGH I KNOW IT'S EASY TO MISTAKE HIM FOR SANADA YUKIMURA.

THAT'S NOT TRUE!

I-I MEAN...!!

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UHM...

YOU WANTED TO TALK TO ME ABOUT SOMETHING, RIGHT?

THERE'S SOMETHING THAT I'VE BEEN NEEDING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT. I WAS THINKING WE COULD DO IT OVER DINNER?

YES.

PLEASE!

this is going to be about history

I don't think

YOU DON'T HAVE TO CALL ME FOR EVERY STUPID LITTLE THING!!

WHY DO YOU EVEN NEED TO ASK FOR MY PERMISSION?!

Okay...

JUST GO, RETARD!!

UNFORTUNATELY I'VE HAD TO DO A LOT OF OVERTIME AS OF RECENT I'M TRYING TO GET HOME AT A REASONABLE TIME SO I CAN HAVE DINNER WITH MY SISTER, SO I DON'T THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO

THE NOVEL.

IT'S ABOUT

I KNOW I'M A LITTLE OVER-EMOTIONALLY INVOLVED, BUT PLEASE DON'T TAKE THIS THE WRONG WAY.

GO AHEAD.

I KNOW I'M ONLY ONE OF YOUR MANY FANS, BUT CAN I TELL YOU WHAT I THINK?

WELL

ABOUT THE NOVEL

YOU SEE

I

I SHOULDN'T BE SAYING THIS!!

AH!!

About how it was to save Kuukai-san

IF I TELL HIM I LIED ABOUT ME WRITING IT, I'LL HAVE TO EXPLAIN WHY!!

About how I like him.

About Kuukai-san's feelings for him.

I'M GOING ON HIATUS.

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AH, BY THE WAY

I HEARD FROM FUJITA-SAN THAT YOUR BROTHER IS COMING BACK.

WHEN YOU FEEL THE URGE TO WRITE AGAIN, PLEASE DO SO. I'LL BE WAITING UNTIL THEN

I'M SORRY!!

I REALLY AM!!

WHAT'LL I DO...

OH

...SO... THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED...

I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED SOMETHING SO STRANGE.

BUT WHY WAS HE STAYING WITH YOUR UNCLE IN THE FIRST PLACE...?

YEAH.

HE'S BEEN TAKING CARE OF HIM SINCE MY PARENTS DIED WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL.

IT WASN'T STRANGE AT ALL.

IT WOULD'VE BEEN MORE STRANGE IF YOU HADN'T ASKED.

no idea

I had

through so much?

He's been

Kuukai-san did say he turned her down

Maybe there really is nothing going on between them

Does this mean that he and Kuukai-san have been living alone together?

She's still in high school so he probably doesn't see her like that

I want to ask.

There's mushroom and garlic.

I BET MY LITTLE S.STER WOULD LOVE THIS.

I want to ask.

MAYBE I'LL TRY MAKING IT FOR HER SOME TIME.

Why are they living together?

WOW IT REALLY IS.

OH WOW, THIS IS DELICIOUS.

I want to ask.

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NAKAMURA -SAN!!

SFX: PPPPPPPPP

THIS "LITTLE SISTER" IS ACTUALLY MAO-SAN, ISN'T SHE?

YEAH... BUT SHE NEVER TOLD ME WHY, SO I COULDN'T HELP BUT WONDER...

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A-ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!

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SFX: COUGHING

I WAS JUST SURPRISED THAT MAO TOLD YOU ABOUT THAT...

SORRY.

SIB... LINGS...

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IT'S COMPLICATED BUT SHE'S JUST A CHILDHOOD FRIEND OF MINE. WE'RE PRETTY MUCH SIBLINGS AT THIS POINT.

I see!! Siblings!!

I DON'T KNOW HOW PEOPLE AT WORK WOULD HANDLE IT, SO I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM THEM.

SORRY.

I FELT LIKE SOMETHING HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU AND MAO.

I'M VERY SORRY IF SHE'S CAUSED YOU ANY TROUBLE.

OKAY!!

A SECRET!! OUR SECRET!!

ALSO

ALRIGHT.

SHE SEEMS TO GET HERSELF INTO SITUATIONS THAT CAN BE EASILY MISUNDERSTOOD.

It's like

IT'S JUST SORT OF A GIRLS-ONLY THING.

OH NO. SHE WASN'T ANY TROUBLE AT ALL.

Oh no

I'm

getting

jealous.

I'm

apologizing

For

Kuukai-san.

I'M HOME~

DUH!!

I'M NOT AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLER. STOP WORRYING ABOUT EVERY LITTLE THING!

HAVE YOU EATEN YET?

IT WAS GREAT. THERE WAS THIS DISH I BET YOU'LL LOVE. I'LL TRY MAKING IT FOR YOU SOME TIME.

WELCOME BACK.

HOW WAS DINNER?

HM? SHE SAID THAT SHE WAS PUTTING THE NOVEL ON HIATUS.

W-WHAT DID SHE SAY?

HMMMM

JUST THAT?

I DIDN'T TELL HER ABOUT YOUR FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES SO DON'T WORRY.

AH, WELL... SHE ALSO ASKED WHY WE WERE LIVING TOGETHER.

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU TOLD HER ABOUT THAT, SO I WAS REALLY SURPRISED.

SO HE WENT OUT WITH RADICAL-SAN AGAIN.

I SEE.

ACK, CHIHIRO!!

YEAH, BUT

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That looks yummy Are those mushrooms?

IT'S OKAY, MAO. YOU DON'T HAVE TO ACT TOUGH!

Why am I hiding from them?

I FEEL LIKE IF HIRO FALLS FOR RADICAL-SAN

I'LL BE OKAY WITH IT.

SHE'S A GOOD PERSON. I KNOW SHE CAN MAKE HIM HAPPY.

AHHH~

SEEMS LIKE SUCH A HASSLE WHEN FRIENDS FALL FOR THE SAME GUY...

am I unable to turn Chihiro down?

Why

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I never had a problem with this stuff before.

I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT HOW ODA-KUN THOUGHT WE LIKED THE SAME GUY.

WHAT'S WRONG, CHI-CHAN?! YOU LOOK TERRIBLE ALL OF A SUDDEN!!

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PRO-BABLY!

HE'S PROBABLY STILL CONFUSED ABOUT THAT, ISN'T HE?

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YEAH? I DID TELL ODA-KUN AT ONE POINT I LIKED THE SAME GUY AS ANOTHER FRIEND

THOUGH I WAS TALKING ABOUT RADICAL-SAN

CHI
-CHAN.

MAKE HIM SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY!!

SO THAT'S WHY HE SAID THOSE THINGS TO YOU!

THE LIGHT OF DAY...

YOU NEED TO CLEAR THINGS UP ASAP.

KAY?

CLEAR THINGS UP FOR ME

I GET IT ALREADY.

I MEAN, I DON'T WANT TO SEE HIM GET HURT

AND I GET HOW IT FEELS WHEN THE PERSON YOU LIKE IGNORES YOU ALL THE TIME.

I HEARD EVERYTHING.

O-ODA -KUN!?

EAVES-DROPPER!!

I DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE!!

CHI -CHAN...

AH, I HAVE TO GO.

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MOTOMIYA, THE ONLY REASON I SAID I WASN'T SATISFIED WITH THINGS WAS BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU WERE HOLDING YOUR FEELINGS BACK.

WHY'RE ARE YOU LIVING WITH THAT GUY FROM THE THEATER?

YOU'RE NOT ACTUALLY DATING, RIGHT?

TUN

JUST LET ME ASK YOU ONE THING.

MY DAD TOLD YOU ABOUT IT.

SO THAT MEANS...

BOTH YOUR DAD AND THAT GUY'S HOUSE.

SORRY.

I WENT TO YOUR HOUSE TO INVITE YOU TO THAT FIREWORKS SHOW.

WHAT?

YOU KNEW?

SO I ENDED UP LIVING WITH HIM.

IT'S BECAUSE I'M NOT GETTING ALONG WITH MY NEW FAMILY.

I THINK I'M GOING TO LIVE ON MY OWN AT SOME POINT.

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I SEE...

I CAN'T SAY I KNOW MUCH ABOUT THAT, BUT

WHEN'RE YOU GOING BACK?

DON'T GIVE UP.

I

WAS HAPPY WHEN YOU TOLD ME YOU LIKED ME.

YOU WANTED TO MAKE ME HAPPY, RIGHT?

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YEAH.

IF I'M WRONG, I'M SORRY.

IT'S JUST THAT I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT WAS WHAT IT MEANT TO BE IN LOVE.

NO, I SHOULD BE SAYING THAT.

I WAS A LITTLE TOO PUSHY.

THANKS.

I'M SORRY.

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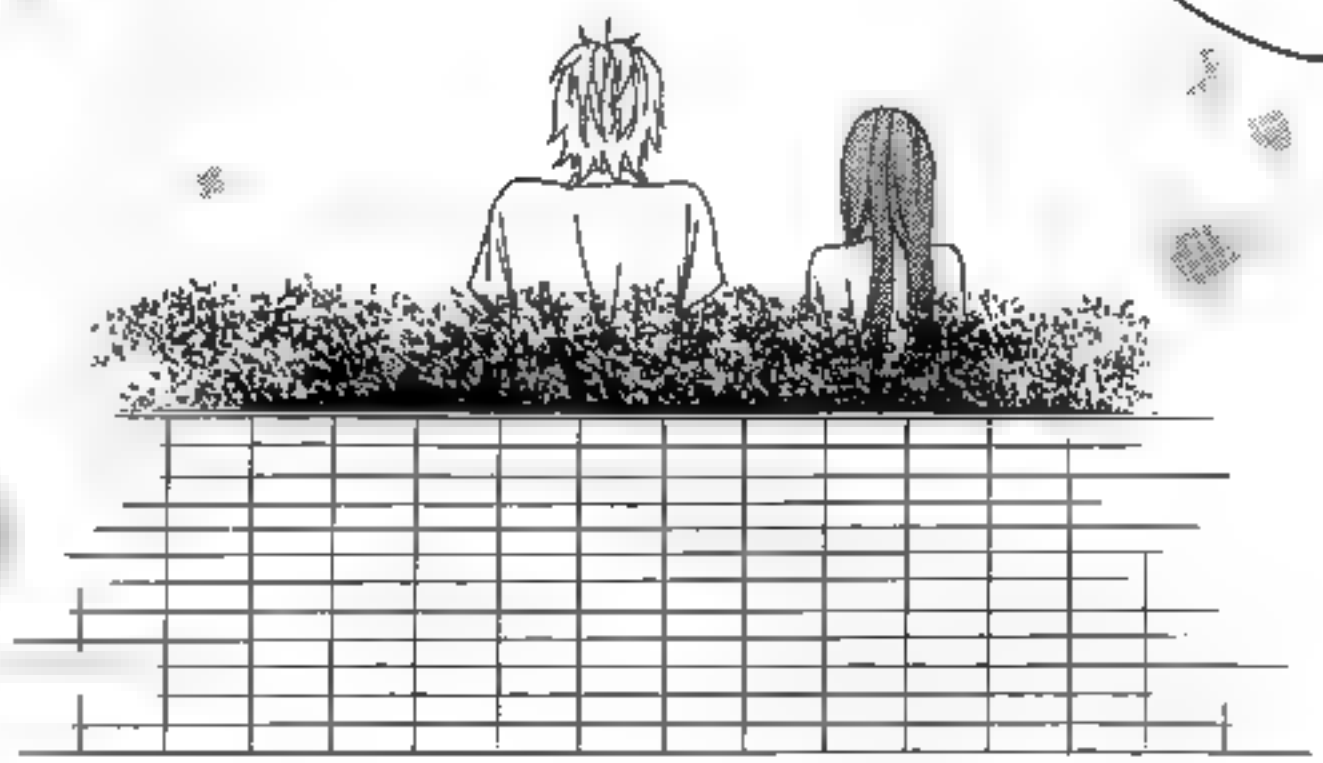
BECAUSE YOU WERE SO HONEST

BECAUSE YOU WERE HERE...

I WAS ABLE TO TRY HARDER.



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CHIHIRO.

YOU'RE THERE, RIGHT? MAO LEFT A WHILE AGO.

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I'M SORRY, CHIHIRO.

I'M SORRY.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY, BUT

I'M SORRY.

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Maybe

Just maybe

no matter what I do?

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can't I stop their tears

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Why

O_o

turns him down

but that person

if Hiro falls for someone

what should I say?

I'm sure

I know that

not being able to say anything at all.

I'll end up like Chi-chan

Inbox

From: Chi-chan

Subject:

I'm sorry Mao (> □ <)
I have something to deal
with so I don't think we
can go home together (> <) 3
You can go without me.
I'm so sorry (T T)

I'M HOME. MAN, WHAT A LONG DAY.

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HEY CROQUETTE. WERE YOU A GOOD BOY WHILE I WAS GONE?

there there

I... ATE AT WORK.

HAVE YOU EVEN HAD ANYTHING AT ALL?!

MAO, WHAT'S WRONG?!

DID YOU POISON YOURSELF WITH YOUR COOKING?!

...HIRO.

That bastard didn't keep his promise to stay quiet about this.

I WONDER WHY HE CAME IN THE FIRST PLACE?

HM? YEAH. SORRY FOR NOT TELLING YOU

BUT HE DIDN'T STAY LONG.

YOU DIDN'T TELL ME THAT MY DAD TOLD ODA-KUN ABOUT YOU

AND THAT HE CAME HERE AFTERWARDS.

HE'S BEEN

OH.

HE WANTED TO GO THE FIREWORKS SHOW WITH ME.

I SEE. SO THAT'S WHY YOU WERE OFF TODAY.

ODA-KUN, MAY THY SOUL REST IN PEACE.

TELLING ME HE LIKES ME FOR A WHILE

BUT I FINALLY TURNED HIM DOWN TODAY.

BESIDES, YOU ACKNOWLEDGED HIS FEELINGS, RIGHT?

IT'S SIMPLY A PART OF THE CIRCLE OF LIFE.

SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT HE SHOULD JUST DIE NOW?! MONSTER!!

DEMON!!

CHEER UP.

EVEN THOUGH YOU KNEW IT WOULD HURT HIM, YOU DIDN'T RUN. YOU STOOD YOUR GROUND AND TOLD HIM.

nod

YOU WON'T REGRET IT, RIGHT?

BUT YEAH.

EVEN IF YOU DO GET HURT

PLEASE DON'T SAY SOMETHING SO EMBARRASSING WITH SUCH A STRAIGHT FACE

I WONDER IF THERE'S A KIND OF LOVE WHERE NO ONE GETS HURT

blank face

YEAH.

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FEEL LIKE? YOU ARE ONE.

YOU SHOULD MOVE OVER THERE LOW.

I DON'T LIKE HOW I FEEL LIKE I'M A KID WHEN I TALK TO YOU

SHUT IT!! JUST MOVE ALREADY!

WHAT ABOUT CHI-CHAN?

BUT CHI -CHAN'S...

NOTHING! I JUST HAVE TO PRACTICE SMILING TONIGHT SO I CAN DO IT WHEN I SEE HER TOMORROW

EVERYONE WANTS THE PERSON THEY LIKE TO SMILE, RIGHT?

OWWW!!

WELL, AT LEAST YOU'RE BACK TO YOUR OLD SELF.

I'M SURE ODA-KUN WILL BE ABLE TO REST WITHOUT WORRY NOW

I THINK SO TOO.

YEAH.

SFX: RINGING

HIRO?

DA-

DAIKI.

EXAM? IF I TOLD YOU WHERE I WAS GOING NOW, YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND I COULD GET INTO ANY SCHOOL I WANTED TO.

OKAY!! HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT WHERE YOU WANNA GO YET? DO YOU THINK YOU CAN PASS THE EXAM?

I'M OFFICIALLY MOVING TO YOUR PLACE. ONCE EVERYTHING GOES THROUGH, I'LL COME BACK TO TAKE THE ENTRANCE EXAM.

JUST LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU'RE COMING.

Annoying as always I see.

OKAY THEN...

HEYRO DAIKI~

Calm down. Mao.

YOU HEARD HER. WANNA TALK TO HIM?

OKAY!!

I'M ONLY COMING TO TAKE THE EXAM, SO I WON'T BE STOPPING BY THE HOUSE.

YEAH, I REALLY DO.

BUT MAO WANTS TO SEE YOU.

OKAY. I'M HANGING UP THEN.

NOTHING REALLY.

SO WHAT DO YOU WANT?

HEYRO...?

WHAT?

I CAN'T TELL IF YOU'RE JOKING OR NOT SO JUST STOP WHILE YOU'RE AHEAD.

I SHOULD'VE TOLD HIM THAT I WAS DOING SOMETHING WEIRD TO YOU

HE HUNG UP

SEEYA.

WHAT?! BUT WE HAVEN'T TALKED IN FOREVER.

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THIS AGAIN?

YEAH.

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT FOR AWHILE.

MAO,

I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE A WHILE BEFORE DAIKI ACTUALLY COMES BACK.

YOU SHOULD PUT YOUR PLANS OF LIVING ALONE ON-HOLD.

YOUR MOM AS WELL.

I THINK YOU SHOULD TRY TALKING ABOUT ALL THIS WITH YOUR DAD AGAIN.

NOTHING OF ANY IMPORTANCE.

WHAT'D HIRO-KUN SAY?

DAI-CHAN,

ANYTIME.

YEAH. THANKS, AUNTIE.

I'M GOING TO MISS YOU, YOU KNOW.

DON'T FORGET THAT YOU CAN COME BACK ANYTIME YOU LIKE.

DECIDE TO GO BACK OUT OF THE BLUE

HEY DAIKI. DID YOU

YEAH RIGHT! STOP SPEWING CRAZY IDEAS!

BECAUSE YOU FOUND SOMEONE YOU LIKE?

THOUGHT YOU COULD TRICK ME WITH THAT?

MY MY MY MY

LOOKS LIKE I HIT THE BULLS-EYE.

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Maigo.
REDRAWERS
*ou.
We need hands. Specifically, yours. So let's talk.
Go to bit.ly/maigochat for an interview.

I'M NOT GOING TO THE FIREWORKS SHOW.

Extra Chapter

Boy and Fireworks

IT'S MAO, STUPID!!

NO!!

BUT I THOUGHT I SAID IT RIGHT.

OKAY...

YOU KNOW MAGYO, I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT YOU DO WHEN YOU'RE HOME ALONE.

SO I CAN'T GO ANYWHERE.

I'M WATCHING THE HOUSE CAUSE MOM AND DAD ARE COMING HOME LATE

SHUT UP! GO AWAY!

I'd like to see that

N-NOVEL...?

I STUDY AND READ BOOKS.

I'M ALSO WRITING A NOVEL.

I'M REALLY SMART.

WELCOME BACK!

WELCOME BACK.

WHAT'D MAO SAY?

I'M HOME.

IS SHE HOME ALONE RIGHT NOW? I KNEW I SHOULD'VE ASKED MOTOMIYA -SAN IF I COULD TAKE HER.

SHE'S HOUSE-SITTING RIGHT NOW

I LET HER KNOW SHE COULD COME IF SHE CHANGED HER MIND.

SHE SAID SHE CAN'T GO.

Wow

They're really pretty

VERY CUTE.

THANKS! I REALLY LIKE THE OBI.

HIRO? HOW DO I LOOK?

I'M SO GLAD WE ALL GOT TO GO THIS YEAR.

WOW! SO PRETTY~

PRETTY, PRETTY!

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SHUT UP!

I HEARD YOU BROKE UP WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND.

WOULD BE NICE IF YOU COULD BRING ONE NEXT YEAR.

AH...

WHA-

I DON'T REALLY LIKE MAO'S PARENTS.

HIRO, WORRIED ABOUT MAO-CHAN?

LET'S INVITE MAO-CHAN NEXT YEAR.

KAY?

WOW.

IT'S RARE FOR YOU TO SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM.

THEN HOW ABOUT THE YEAR AFTER NEXT YEAR?

BUT I'M NOT GOING WITH YOU GUYS NEXT YEAR.

HECK NO!

YOU CAN JUST BRING YOUR GIRLFRIEND ALONG WITH US.

YOU ALWAYS WORRY ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE.

I LOVE HOW

HIRO

BUT TRY TO ENJOY YOURSELF TOO!

...OKAY.

WHAT'S THIS?

MOM WANTS TO INVITE YOU NEXT YEAR.

SHE'S GONNA TALK TO YOUR MOM AND DAD ABOUT IT.

IT'S COTTON CANDY.

YOU DON'T WANT IT?

WELL, I CAN'T EXACTLY REFUSE WHEN SOMEONE GIVES ME A PRESENT, YOU KNOW.

I SEE.

I...

I...

OH?

WHICH IS IT?

I'LL NOT NOT WON'T NOT GO!!

Extra Chapter ／ END